

CALFED DEAL POINTS AND PRINCIPLES FOR NEGOTIATION

1) Stage 1 and Beyond

- No dip in water supply. We must get better together.
- Full recognition of water losses to the Accord and CVPIA and the need to recover these losses over time.
- Develop more water and achieve reliability and predictability
- The 800,000 AF B2 water is gone. Therefore, AFRP Delta actions must be provided for by developing additional water supply
- There may be debate and disagreement over the amount of future growth; but, the fact is that we are already short of water today and growth will continue.
- Achieving a water supply/demand balance will do little to benefit the estuary. In fact it could do additional harm if new Delta conveyance facilities are not provided.
- The two most reliable avenues for attaining long-term supply reliability are: (1) development of additional storage and (2) plumbing the Delta with appropriate relaxation of existing standards.
- Aggressively pursue additional storage, delta plumbing, water conservation, and water transfers.
- Use bundling of new supply options, ecosystem restoration, and regulatory assurances to assure appropriate linkages.
- Develop a satisfactory process to improve and understand the scientific basis for establishing environmental water requirements and priorities.
- ESA assurances post ROD (after Accord expiration)

2) 1998-99

- We need an Operations Plan for 1998-99 if the SWP is to cooperate with AFRP Delta Actions and delivery of CVPIA Refuge water supplies.
- Our 1998-99 Operations Plan should include additional tools (joint point and storage south of the Delta), protection from additional listings (spring-run, steelhead, Central Valley chinook, splittail, etc.), and be based upon principles of no dip and no net loss.
- Coordinate water acquisitions to avoid/minimize impacts to users trying to increase supplies through water transfers.
- Use adaptive management to provide additional ecosystem protection and water supply reliability.
- Proceed aggressively with South Delta facilities permitting and assurances.
- Extend the Delta Accord.

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